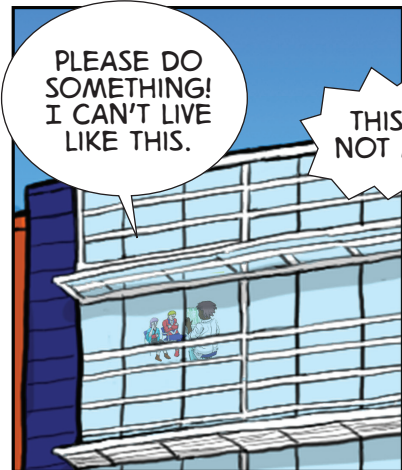
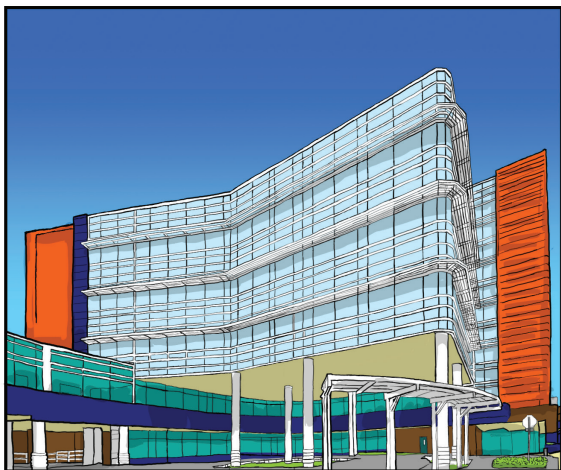




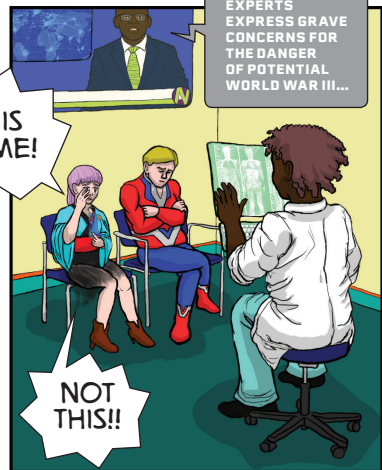
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PLEASE DO SOMETHING!
I CAN'T LIVE LIKE THIS.

THIS IS NOT ME!



EXPERTS EXPRESS GRAVE CONCERNS FOR THE DANGER OF POTENTIAL WORLD WAR III...

NOT THIS!!



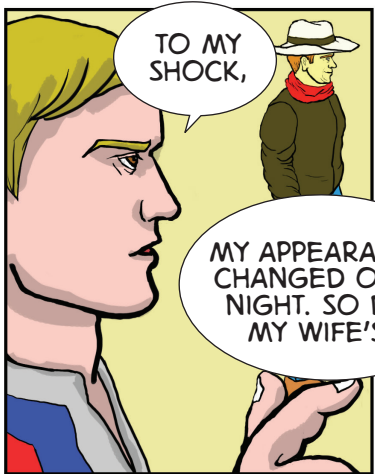
I LOOKED LIKE THAT!



Ahhh!

TAKE IT EASY...

LET YOUR HUSBAND EXPLAIN HIS SYMPTOMS.



TO MY SHOCK,

MY APPEARANCE CHANGED OVER NIGHT. SO DID MY WIFE'S.

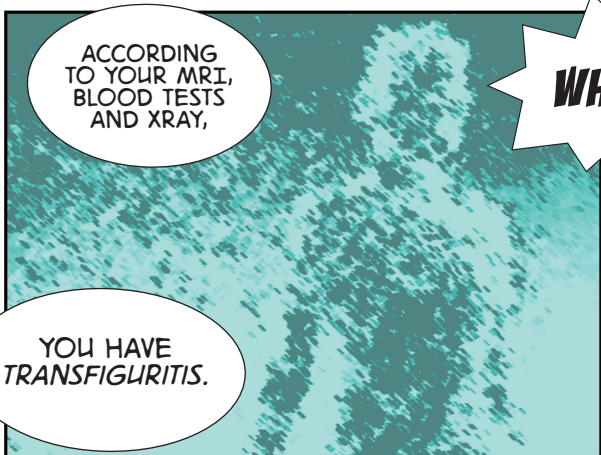


I USED TO BE HIM.

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US?



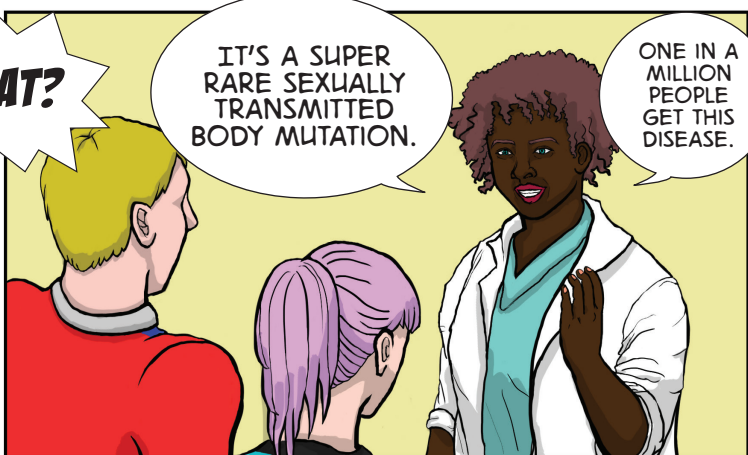
WELL...



ACCORDING TO YOUR MRI, BLOOD TESTS AND XRAY,

YOU HAVE TRANSFIGURITIS.

WHAT?



IT'S A SUPER RARE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED BODY MUTATION.

ONE IN A MILLION PEOPLE GET THIS DISEASE.

SO, IT'S AN STD?

NOT REALLY. IT HAPPENS TO COUPLES IN A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP...

...SUCH AS IN MARRIAGE. IN FACT, SO FAR, 100% OF REPORTED CASES ARE MARRIED COUPLES.

NOBODY KNOWS WHAT TRIGGERS THESE FACIAL AND PHYSICAL CHANGES. IT'S FOUND THAT IT CAN BE TRANSMITTED VIA INTERCOURSE.

THE MUTATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO HAPPEN OVER THE COURSE OF LIFE.

THERE IS NO CURE. BUT IT IS NOT FATAL AT ALL.

NO CURE?!?

DON'T YOU WORRY! IT'S LIKE AN ALLERGY—YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH IT.

AHHH!

SIGH....

WHY US?

TELL ME ABOUT IT.

IT PROBABLY STARTED WITH YOU!

WHO KNOWS? AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO GOT IT FROM SOMEONE ELSE?

HOW DARE YOU!

YOU INFECTED ME WITH IT.

IT'S GOTTA BE YOU!

DON'T SPREAD THIS AWFUL DISEASE TO THE WORLD!

OH YEAH? YOU'LL BE IN REAL TROUBLE WHEN I KNOW SOMEONE ELSE HAS IT. AT LEAST WE'LL KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

THE PRESIDENT WILL STRENGTHEN OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE...

SHUT UP!

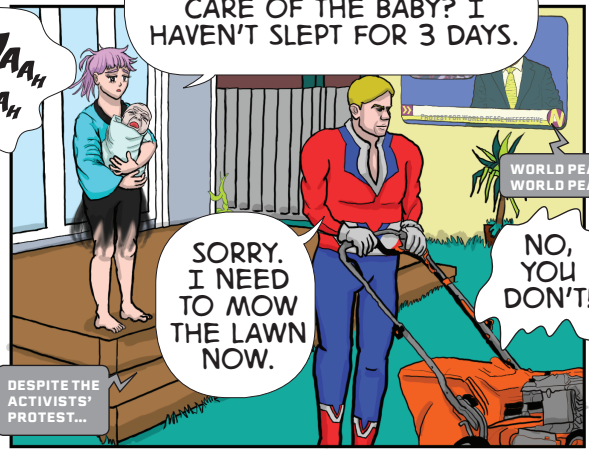
HE'LL ANNOUNCE OUR MILITARY STRATEGIES ON MONDAY...



WAAH WAAH WAAH WAAH WAAH



WAAH WAAH WAAH WAAH WAAH



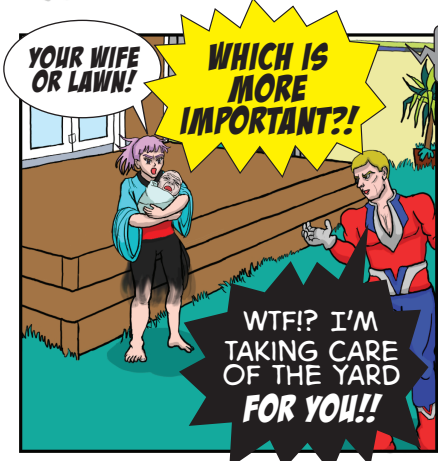
HONEY! CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE BABY? I HAVEN'T SLEPT FOR 3 DAYS.

SORRY. I NEED TO MOW THE LAWN NOW.

WORLD PEACE! WORLD PEACE!

NO, YOU DON'T!

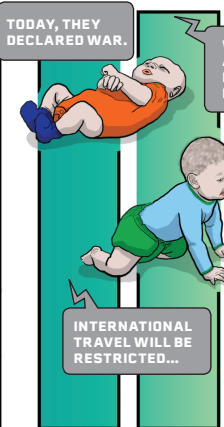
DESPITE THE ACTIVISTS' PROTEST...



YOUR WIFE OR LAWN!

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT?!

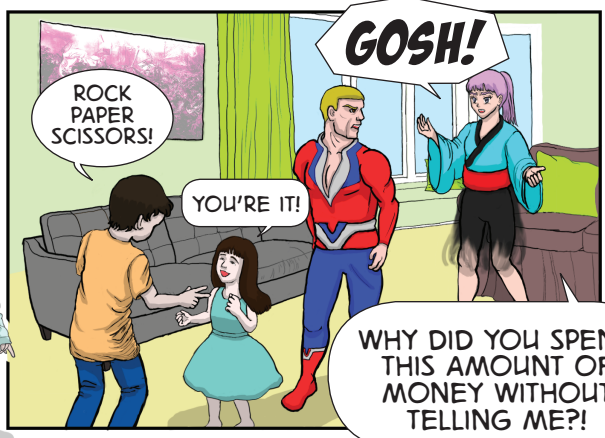
WTF? I'M TAKING CARE OF THE YARD FOR YOU!!



TODAY, THEY DECLARED WAR.

WE ARE IN A STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY...

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WILL BE RESTRICTED...

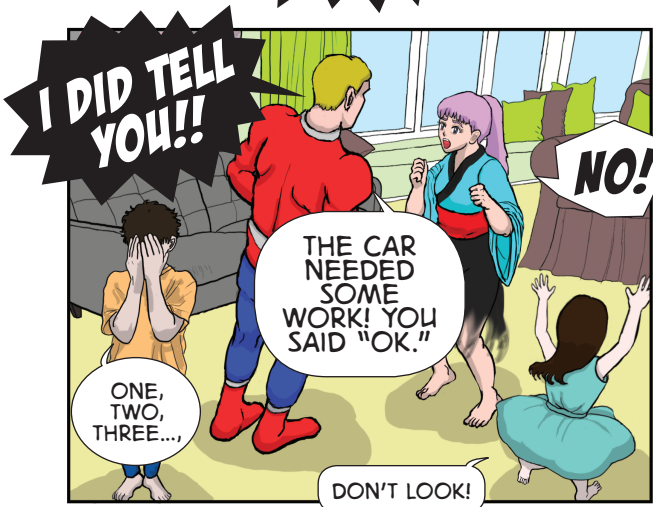


GOSH!

ROCK PAPER SCISSORS!

YOU'RE IT!

WHY DID YOU SPEND THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY WITHOUT TELLING ME?!



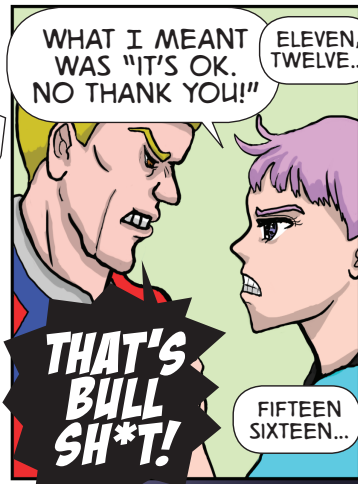
I DID TELL YOU!!

THE CAR NEEDED SOME WORK! YOU SAID "OK."

NO!

ONE, TWO, THREE....

DON'T LOOK!

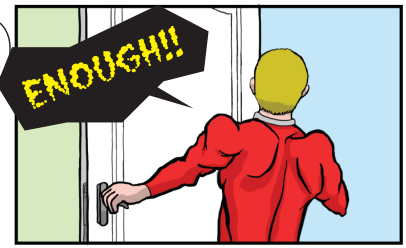


WHAT I MEANT WAS "IT'S OK. NO THANK YOU!"

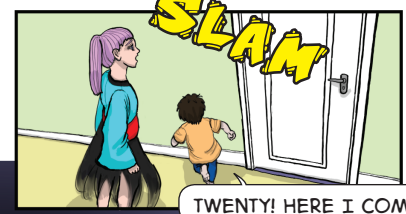
ELEVEN, TWELVE...

THAT'S BULL SH*T!

FIFTEEN SIXTEEN...

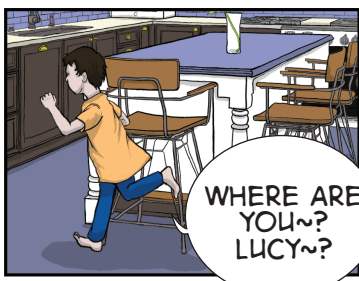


ENOUGH!!



SLAM

TWENTY! HERE I COME!



WHERE ARE YOU~? LUCY~?



UNDER THE BED?



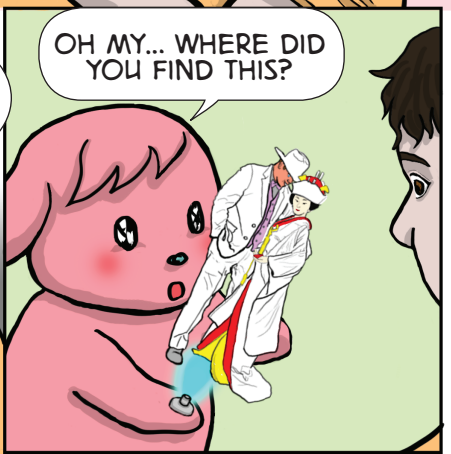
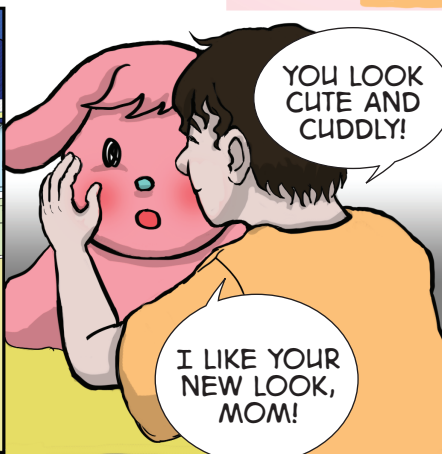
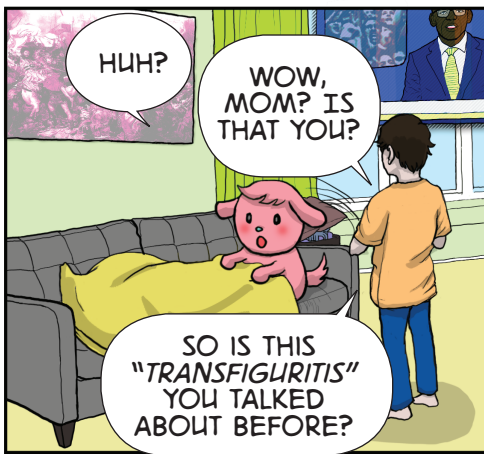
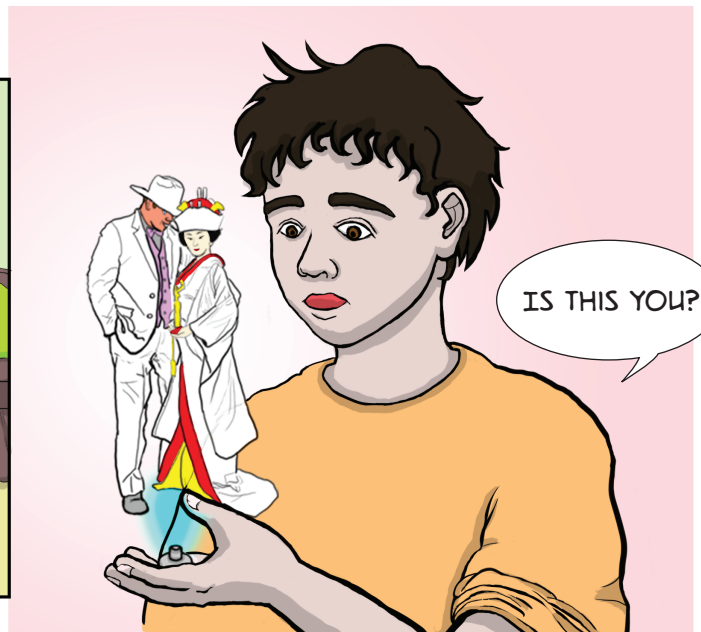
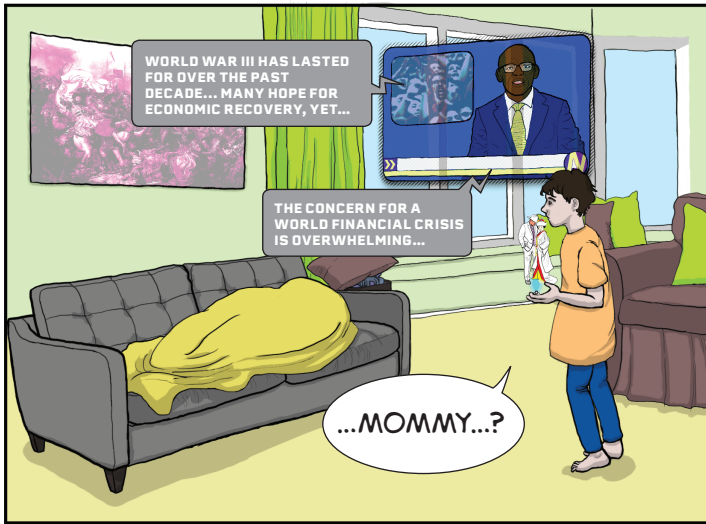
LUCY~!



...!



WHAT'S THAT?





HEY.



HOW DID YOU DO WITH YOUR EXAM?

I DID OK... HOW ABOUT YOU?

GOT AN A!

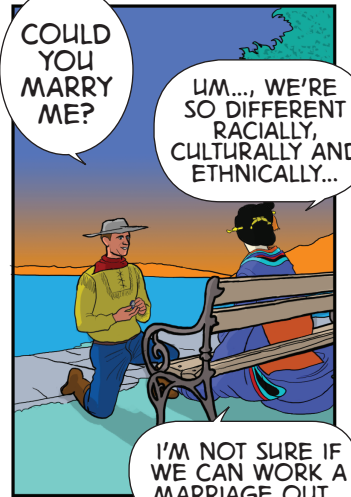


LET'S STUDY TOGETHER FOR THE NEXT EXAM.



OK...

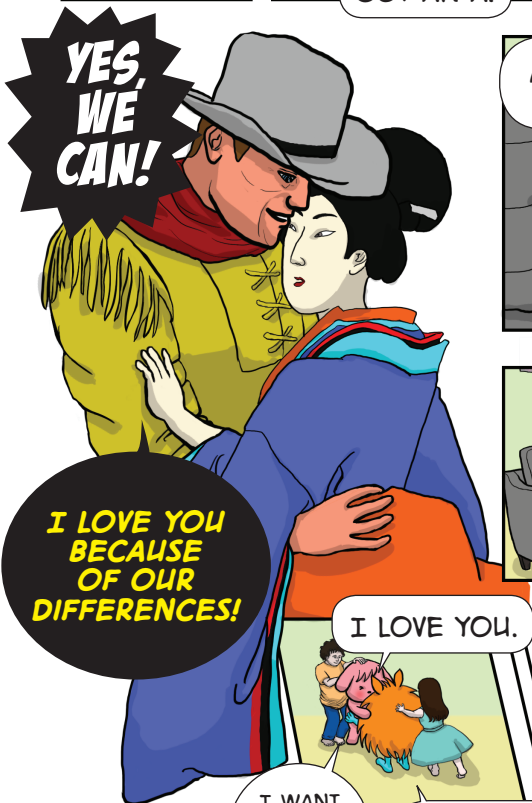
WE'LL DO GREAT!



COULD YOU MARRY ME?

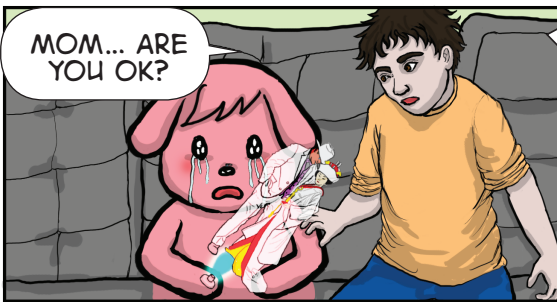
UM..., WE'RE SO DIFFERENT RACIALLY, CULTURALLY AND ETHNICALLY...

I'M NOT SURE IF WE CAN WORK A MARRIAGE OUT...

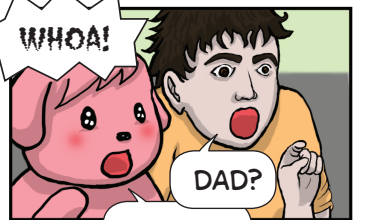


YES, WE CAN!

I LOVE YOU BECAUSE OF OUR DIFFERENCES!



MOM... ARE YOU OK?



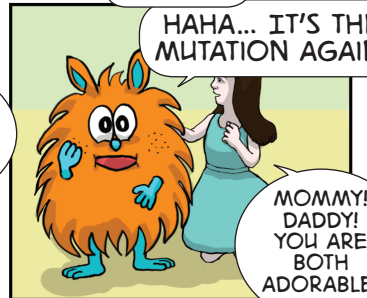
WHOA!

DAD?

HONEY?!



WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING...?



HAHA... IT'S THE MUTATION AGAIN.

MOMMY! DADDY! YOU ARE BOTH ADORABLE!



I LOVE YOU.

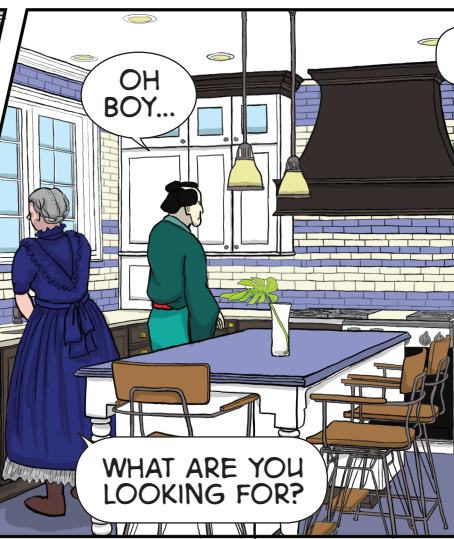
I WANT TO WORK THINGS OUT!

ME TOO! I'M COMMITTED TO YOU.



NOT HERE...

HMM, NOPE.



OH BOY...

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?



CHOPSTICKS!

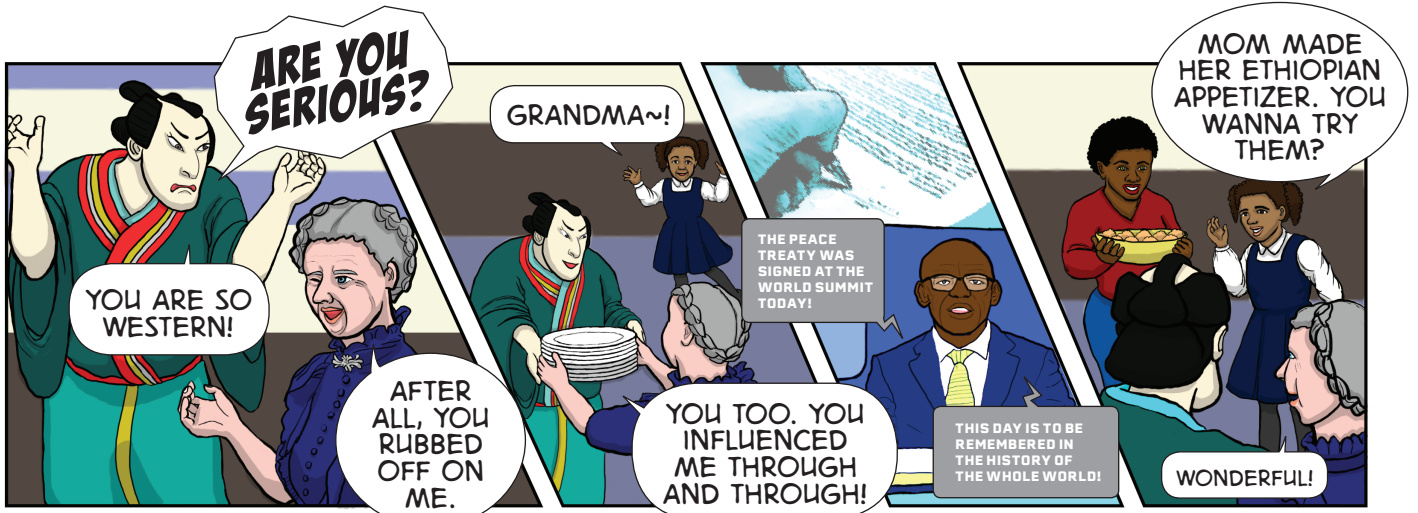
WE'RE EATING SUSHI...



OH MY! JUST USE FORKS!

YOU'RE SO EASTERN.

CHOPSTICKS ARE NOT THE ONLY UTENSILS IN THIS KITCHEN.



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